OUTSTANDING TEACHERS MAKE OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS

National Education Week

November 12 -16, 2007

Ideas for joining parents and students across the nation in celebrating South Carolina teachers who open up the world to children.

Local Education Association Activities

The local association affiliate may consider the following items for action among the many ways to celebrate this day:

- Wear a button proclaiming your work and your membership in your local, state and national affiliate.
- Check out the artwork on the National Teacher Day Web site. Download and use as appropriate; http://www.nea.org/teacherday/artwork.html.
- Sponsor an essay contest on "A Teacher to Remember," where students write about the special teacher who's made the biggest impact on their life. On Teacher Day, award savings bonds to the students and plaques to the teachers commemorated.
- Give each teacher a small gift from the Association (perhaps a mug or notepad featuring the Teacher Day logo, or a bumper sticker with an appropriate slogan).
- If you host a banquet for retiring teachers, or a Teacher of the Year celebration or some other happy event each spring, consider rescheduling it for National Teacher Day.
- For each school library, buy books portraying teachers in a positive light. Inside each, place a bookplate noting that the book was a National Teacher Day gift from the Association.
- Make Teacher Day a community service day, identifying one project on which all members can target their energies.
- Use Teacher Day as the occasion to say thank you to those in the community who have made teachers' jobs a little easier by volunteering, donating equipment or otherwise helping schools work. Invite them to the classroom or school for recognition.